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# Jibba Jabber

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## VERSUS:

Everybody knows you never mess with Texas or a carnie, but who would win in a match between ISU football coach Dan McCarney and the dude running the Ferris wheel?



**McCarney**

**Carnie**

### Preferred Clothing Label

Big Pussy's Mafia-style warm-up suits.

Farm & Fleet rope/sack combo.

Winner: McCarney. Neither has the elegance of the mock turtleneck, but clothes should ideally have sleeves and leg holes.

### Wife Beater

Has been accused of being one.

Has been accused of wearing one.

Winner: Carnie. Keep in mind, though, neither have been convicted of any under-shirt-related offenses. In this state.

### The Big One

Can't win it.

Won't let you win it.

Winner: McCarney. All I want is the switchblade comb, you greasy bastard, and I'm willing to spend whatever it takes!

### Stomping Grounds

Jack Trice Stadium.

Wherever the booze is at.

Winner: Carnie. Now if we're talking booze at Jack Trice Stadium, that's a different story.

### Major Cause of Discomfort

His boss, BVDV (Bruce Van De Velde).

His underwear, BVDs circa 1972.

Winner: McCarney. There's nothing good that could ever be truthfully said about old grunts.

### Favorite Song

"It's Raining Men."

"Dueling Banjos."

Winner: Carnie. After hearing the banjo, all other string instruments fade in comparison. Except for all the popular ones and the sitar.

### Dislikes

Rainy days, dishonest people and the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Soap, those damn kids and their dog and the widespread acceptance of statutory rape laws.

Winner: McCarney. Who doesn't hate a whiny, wet Hawk fan?

### OVERALL WINNER

Coach Mac comes through in the end to win 4-3. Not enough wins to qualify for the Versus Bowl, but he probably saved his job for at least one more issue.

## Top 5 Talkers

### Win and Anthrax

Fifteen years ago, people would have paid good money for that show. It looks like we're winning, but Osama was still on the run when this magazine went to press. On the home front, it's so nice to know there's a strain of deadly bacteria named after our fair city.

### 17-14

In your face Herky, this is a Cyclone state. There is simply no greater joy in life than watching a Hawk fan cry. And cry. And cry. And then cry again next year. Bring on a corporate bowl, we're slightly above average two years in a row!

### Free-Speech Zones

Restricting where ISU students exercise their rights to expression was both ridiculous and insulting. Taking away the First Amendment rights of students because protesting might disrupt classes (the university's actual reason) was like telling an 8-year-old he can't play Little League because his socks might get dirty.

### Bus Station

A heated bus station with vending machines and microwaves? Sounds great. We're just wondering what the point is, though, since you can't eat or drink on the bus. So all that leaves is the heated part — a \$400,000 space heater. We don't even want to know what the university has been paying for toilet seats.

### Tuition

Students complain about tuition rising every year, and every year it rises. But nothing should increase by 18.5 percent a year except males in puberty. State legislators should let any student who can no longer afford college live with them for a couple months. Unless, of course, there's still room in the heated bus station.

## Daily Wisdom

"It's like butt sex with your girlfriend or something; it's not something that you are supposed to get accomplished. So the first challenge is to get in there. How cool the club is, that's insignificant," says guitarist Errin Keltner, of The Jackass Project, about playing People's Bar and Grill.



## The Interview:



**Pete SHERMAN**

Interview by  
David Roepeke

Meeting in a cozy office in the bowels of the Boheme, 2900 West St., with its owner, Pete Sherman, is a little like talking one-on-one with a philosophy professor, though he actually is an aerospace engineering and statistics professor at Iowa State University. The professor has been in the news lately for trying to get his business recognized as a private club to circumvent the smoking ban. Here are some excerpts of the conversation Sherman had with *Ethos*.

**Ethos:** What do you like about teaching?

**Sherman:** Being in touch. We could wax very philosophically here and say there's only one thing and that's the energy, however you want to define that. You can use the big bang if you want. I think that all of life is getting in touch, reconnecting with that one energy. Teaching is a nice medium for doing that.

**E:** I was going to ask you later what your philosophy of life is. Did you just give it to me?

**S:** I'd like to say in the dualistic framework I believe in the big bang theory. If you believe in the big bang theory, if you could extrapolate everything back to time zero, then everything came from one thing and hence is that one thing.

**E:** What's a better medium for reaching people? Owning a bar and making a connection behind it in a classroom? Or can't you tell?

**S:** The answer is yes. Whatever medium fate puts you in is the one you should be using. I've done it with my teaching. I've done it with family. I've done it here as a restaurant owner. It's just different mediums for doing the same thing. When you say which one is better, then ego comes into it. Ego is the antithesis of this one energy, and then you kind of have a conundrum in front of you. If I think that a medium is for me, then I'm missing the point. Really, there is no me. There's just that one thing.

**E:** How would you describe the Boheme to a friend?

**S:** At which level?

**E:** Your pick.

**S:** As a bistro-cafe-restaurant-club, I'd say it's very European in its style in the sense that it's

## Entertainment Pick:



## "Breathing"

It's not like we're nerds or anything. But it's been a slow fall in the world of entertainment (when are the Oscar-season movies coming out anyway), so our entertainment pick has to be the trailer for *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones*, available at [starwars.com](http://starwars.com) and in select theaters. All the *Star Wars* freaks will have to keep surfing the net for clues about the plot of the second movie, since you're not going to find them in the about 60-second trailer. What you do see: a Kabuki makeup-free Natalie Portman, a glimpse of a really bitchin' lightsaber battle, Samuel L. Jackson (looking out of place, again), Ewan, Yoda, C-3PO, R-2D2 and the gang, and for the ladies and some select dudes, a very tempting-looking Hayden Christensen doing the Jedi thing (the few scenes are enough to make you hope he keeps that black helmet at bay a little longer). Sure it's brief, but it's all we have to sustain us until we can see the real thing in May 2002.

— Kate Kompas

more for people than for drinking. We do serve alcohol here, but it's the atmosphere. It should be your home away from home. In a deeper level, the Boheme is all about the energy. It's trying to get people in touch, mainly through the music but also through the atmosphere.

**E:** What let you get involved in the fight against the smoking ordinance?

**S:** Constitutionality, number one. This is an activity that the federal government has been very much involved with for many years now. They do have warnings on cigarettes. Apparently, the federal government has decided that it's not quite as deadly as plutonium, and we shouldn't outlaw it completely. Then the city comes along with some strong fundamentalist advocates that say not only is smoking bad but anything to do with smoking is bad, including secondhand smoke. The giveaway in that argument is the portion of the ban that prohibits smoking outdoors. When you're trying to argue health effects of secondhand smoke outdoors, to me that's a gross insult to intelligence. If I'm supposed to honestly believe that it's a health issue and not just a personal dislike for the activity, then you're barking up the wrong tree.

## HUH?

A select few of you insist on wearing your high school letter jackets. Let it go. No one cares if your school won Class A swimming, football or whatever.

Go to class. Ride the bus. Call your dad. Get new advertising, CyRide.

The Minnesota Twins are on baseball's chopping block. Thank God teams with longstanding legacies like the Florida Marlins and Tampa Bay Devil Rays will survive.

If you spring for a skybox, you can drink beer in the stadium at ISU football games. First the rich get the best parking spots and seats and now they get the booze, too? Can't they sneak a flask in like the rest of us peasants?

How come when students leave for break the price of a pizza increases? Wouldn't you want more business if half the city's population just left town?

Can't we wait until after Thanksgiving to start decorating for Christmas? We've got an entire month.

**E:** What reasons are the police department giving you for why a private club wouldn't work?

**S:** A number of things. One is that we're a bar just like any other campus bar. I would disagree with that. I would admit that's a fair perception on their part. They don't come here. They don't know what it's like. They come in and check us out once in a while like they do People's or other places. OK, we look like we're a bar. We're serving, people are dancing. My perception is that we're far more than a bar, and I have a lot of evidence to support that like the fact that we have no drink specials. We don't have penny pitchers; we don't have \$5 all-you-can-drink. I think that type of activity is socially negligent. It's not caring about people. You don't expect people to drink two glasses of beer when you're getting pitchers for a penny.

**E:** If you could make a one-sentence proclamation that everyone around the world would understand, what would it be?

**S:** Realize from the heart that we're all one, all together in this.